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FROM/ORIGINATOR (30 CHARACTERS)

TO/RECIPIENT (30 CHARACTERS)

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SUBJECT (80 CHARACTERS)

GERALD HEMMING FILE REVIEW AND ACTION

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1. Classification

2. Information from liaison with a Foreign Government

3. Information pertaining to a liaison relationship with a Foreign Government

4. Information which would/could identify the source

5. Information pertaining to a source

6. Information pertaining to intelligence methods

7. Location of CIA overseas installation

8. Location of unacknowledged domestic installation

9. Name of CIA employee

10. File numbers

11. Pseudonym

12. Cryptonym

13. Internal organizational data

14. Name of an FBI agent

15. FBI file number

16. Privacy of other individual

17. Does not pertain to request

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REMARKS (IF OTHER WAS CHECKED ABOVE) (40 CHARACTERS)

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11 June 1976

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SUBJECT : HEMMING, Gerald Patrick
SF#429 229

1. On 9 June 1969 contacted Staff and Operations Branch/Operational Evaluation Section for information concerning Gerald Patrick HEMMING. was referred to the writer, who is holding the HEMMING file. When contacted the writer, advised that he is the action officer for a cable from the Guatemala Station reporting an assassination plot on the life of President LAUGERUD of Guatemala. was unfamiliar with the case of Gerald Patrick HEMMING and had not as yet reviewed the 201 file on HEMMING. was requested to alert -- and JMWAVE to the below-mentioned cable and to provide the writer with a copy of the report coming in from the Guatemala Station.

2. provided the writer with a copy of the cable (IN 944357,), dated 8 June 1976), which is attached. In substance, the cable reflects that circa 8 June 1976 a Guatemalan source, with the knowledge of Guatemalan President LAUGERUD, provided the Guatemala Station a written report, and a detailed briefing, concerning a plot to assassinate President LAUGERUD. According to the information the plot was to have been carried out on 15 September 1975; however, one of the major conspirators, Jorge Antonio "Cokie" ZIMERI Safie left Guatemala in August 1975 as a result of an attack upon his, ZIMERI's, life. ZIMERI has been living in Miami since August 1975.

3. According to the report, the National Liberation Movement was involved with ZIMERI in the assassination plot and ZIMERI in turn was involved with two Americans, brothers, Robert and Gerald Patrick HEMMING. The HEMMING brothers assisted ZIMERI in acquiring arms, among other things, which were flown to Guatemala in a small aircraft. The report also claims that ZIMERI has close relations with police officials in Miami and New Orleans.

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NOTE: The Guatemala Station also included information the Chief of Station had received from on 8 June. said that he had been providing information on ZIMERI to the Guatemalan government for the past six months or so. He claimed that two Americans were involved with ZIMERI, one of them who runs a guard service in Miami. did not mention names but described one of the Americans as about six feet four inches and weighing about 230 pounds.

4. The Guatemalan report of the assassination plot ends with five requests for information by President LAUGERUD:

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- d. Does ZIMERI receive any kind of preferential treatment by U. S. authorities which permit him to carry firearms, as well as to purchase arms and ammunition for shipment to Guatemala?
- e. Any information on Robert and Gerald HEMMING?

5. On 19 June 1976 advised that DDO is referring the entire matter to the FBI and State Department.

6. Office of Security indices are negative in pertinent variations of the name of ZIMERI or Robert HEMMING.

7. From the name, physical description, activity, and alleged employment, it is apparent that Gerald Patrick HEMMING is identical with the subject of Office of Security file 429 229, who has been described as six-foot five, 250 pounds, who is a notorious mercenary and soldier of fortune and who as of May 1975 was ostensibly employed by a private investigation company, TEPCOL Security (Office of Security--no record) in Miami, Florida.

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